## Kentucky County Attorneys Association



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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683, Reply Period

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I wrote during the initial comment period to support the application of LightSquared for a license modification to allow it to build and place in service its revolutionary new 4G network based on both satellite and terrestrial equipment.

In reviewing the comments made by other interested parties, I see a significant trend emerging, that is, that there is significant support from rural areas of America for LightSquared's application, because of its impact on those areas.

As Executive Director of the Kentucky County Attorneys' Association, and the former County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a rural Appalachian county, I have written in the past to strongly urge the FCC to do everything it can do under its operating rules to help LightSquared implement its revolutionary 4G satellite based cell phone and broadband network.

In my role assisting County Attorneys in Kentucky, I must make myself aware of issues that affect prosecutors and our public safety community in general. That is why it interested me when I read the comment by America 4G, a national wireless carrier, concerning security issues, "It is our opinion that the existing network operators in the US may not permit us to interconnect to their networks with our proprietary operating systems for technical and/or competitive reasons, which will preclude us from offering our services to our potential user base. We intend to offer users within among others the Federal Government security features over the LightSquared network that might surpass the security features that are currently offered by existing operators."

Law enforcement, governmental officials, and first responders often require systems both robust and secure. I fully believe that LightSquared will offer a system that will benefit the public safety sector as well as promote economic development in our rural areas.

Therefore, I urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's pending license modification application.

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